

## PATENT APPLICATION

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For: NOISE REDUCTION SYSTEM, AND METHOD

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Applicants wish to advise the Examiner of the following related applications:

1. Attorney Docket Q68455 entitled "Telecommunication System, and Speech Recognizer, and Terminal, and Method" filed February 27, 2002, by Sienel Juergen et al
2. Attorney Docket Q68454 entitled "Telecommunication System, and Switch, and Server, and Method" filed February 27, 2002, by Sienel Juergen et al
3. Attorney Docket Q68456 entitled "Telecommunication System, and Terminal, and Network, and Detector System, and Speech Recognizer, and Method" filed February 27, 2002, by Sienel Juergen et al
4. Attorney Docket Q68558 entitled "Processor System, and Terminal, and Network-Unit, and Method" filed February 27, 2002, by Sienel Juergen et al

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5. Attorney Docket Q68559 entitled "Terminal, and preprocessing unit, and network, and final processing unit, and method" filed February 27, 2002, by Sienel Juergen et al

One copy of each of the listed documents on the PTO Form 1449 is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office.

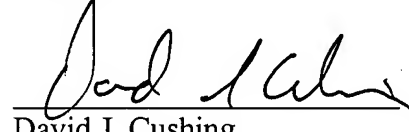
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		EP	0 918 317	A1	05-26-1999	Sextant Avionique	No
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